LOVE TO OUR COUNTRY,

AND

Zeal for its INTEREST

Recommended in a

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To a CONGREGATION of

Proteſtant - Diſſenters

AT

SALISBURY,

On SUNDAY, *October*, 6th, 1745.

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Cari ſunt Parentes, cari Liberi, Propinqui, Familiares: ſed omnes omnium Caritates, Patria una complexa eſt: pro qua, quis bonus dubitet mortem oppetere, ſi ei ſit profuturus? Quo eſt deteſtabilior iſtorum immanitas, qui lacerarant omni ſcelere patriam, & in ea funditus delenda occupati & ſunt & fuereunt.

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To the CONGREGATION of

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Who attend my MINISTRY.

THE Deſire you expreſſed of ſeeing in Print, what was the laſt LORD's Day, delivered to you from the Pulpit, has been the rather complied with, as it ſerves to diſcover in you, that Zeal and Love for your Country, that firm Regard for our preſent happy Conſtitution, and that juſt Abhorrence of the impious Attempts now made uſe of to ſubvert it, which the following Diſcourſe was intended to animate and improve.------The greateſt Pleaſure I can receive from my Labours among you, will be to ſee you act up to thoſe righteous Principles of Liberty, Civil and Religious, which you cannot be indifferent to, *as* CHRISTIANS, *as* PROTESTANTS *as* PROTESTANT-DISSENTERS.

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DEDICATION.

I am ſienſible the following Sermon, deſigned only for your own proper Service, without the leaſt Apprehenſion of being expoſed to public View, muſt neceſſarily want much of that Correctneſs, and Finiſhing, which the Greatneſs and Dignity of the Subject requires: The Honeſty of the Deſign, however, having recommended it to *your* particular Regard, the ſame, it is hoped, will be my Apology with *others*, for any Defects that may attend the Execution of it.

New Sarum,
Oct. 8, 1741.

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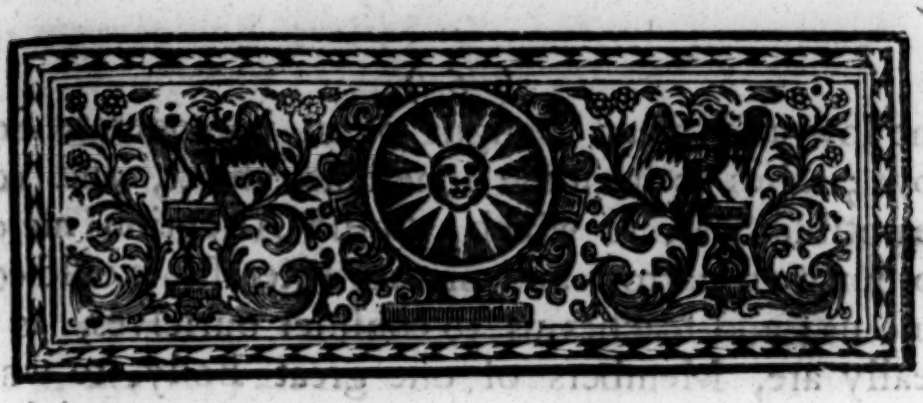

PSALM CXXII. 6, 7, 8.

Pray for the Peace of Jeruſalem: *They ſhall proſper that love thee. Peace be within thy Walls, and Proſperity within thy Palaces. For my Brethren and Companions ſakes, I will now ſay, Peace be within thee.*

AMIDST the many kind and generous Affections which the wiſe and benevolent Author of our Beings has implanted in our Conſtitution, that of Love of our Country is certainly one of the nobleſt and moſt amiable: Other Paſſions often centre in, and have a principal Regard to our own ſelves; partial Friendſhips and private Acquaintances generally look no farther than the particular Convenience of the Perſons by whom they are contracted; but this, even ſeparate from any Views of perſonal Intereſt, as promoted and ſecured by public Proſperity, carries along with it ſuch Marks of unbounded Generoſity and diffuſive Benevolence, which are the higheſt Glory, the brighteſt Ornaments of human Nature. This acts as a proper Check to all the

the low and mean Deſigns of an immoderate Self-love; raiſes us from the loneſome, abject, and contemptible Sate, to which a ſordid Attention merely to our own narrow and private Intereſts, would confine us; and teaches us to conſider ourſelves, as we really are, Members of one great Body, to whom therefore nothing that relates to the common Advantage or Prejudice of the Whole, ought to be indifferent. This opens and enlarges the Heart of Man, to take in the moſt generous Pleaſures, to form the moſt grand and extenſive Deſigns; gives us to conſult, to purſue, to rejoice in the Happineſs of Thouſands; and raiſes us to the neareſt Reſemblance in which Man is capable of approaching to the bleſſed God, even a Delight to do good, and to communicate Pleaſure to all around us. Animated by this, what great and glorious Exploits have been performed by the Sons of Men! How have the Feeble been protected, the oppreſſed vindicated; what Deliverances have been wrought, and what Tyrants humbled! From what low Beginnings how many Communities and States roſe to the higheſt pitch of power and glory; and how firm, how unſhaken have they continued, whilſt an ardent Zeal for the Commonwealth inſpired, directed, and influenced every particular Member of it! But this once extinguiſhed; this ſtrong Cement, which united the ſeveral Parts of the grand Building, once diſſolved, how have the moſt potent Kingdoms and Empires inſenſibly ſunk into Weakneſs and Contempt, or tumbled violently down into one common and univerſal Ruin!------ In a Word, whatever other Principles are neceſſary to form us good and amiable, it is this muſt help to

niſh a great and exalted Character. In proportion as this warms and enlarges our Hearts, we naturally grow into more general and public Uſefulneſs; but when we become ſo ſunk, ſo contracted into Self, as utterly to diſregard, or be very indifferent to the Welfare and Proſperity of others, we are loſt to every good and valuable Purpoſe, and have caſt off (I will not ſay) all the generous, tender Sentiments of Religion, but even the ſtrongeſt and moſt endearing Ties of Humanity.

There is no Perſon here, I imagine, but who will eaſily conceive to what End theſe Reflections are directed, and to what Purpoſe they naturally lead. The preſent Circumſtances of this Nation, threatened with Evils of the moſt formidable Kind, and alarmed with Apprehenſions of the moſt horrible Danger, neceſſarily call upon us to quicken the Ardor of public Spirit, to ſtir up every latent Spark of Love for Liberty, and mutually to receive and ſpread the glorious Flame of Zeal for the common Cauſe, which at the ſame time that it warms only and enlivens ourſelves, will effectually ſcorch and conſume our Enemies. Deplorably ſunk and degenerate muſt we indeed be, if we can ſit unmoved and unconcerned when our dear Country is likely to be involved in all the Guilt and Horror of a Civil War: When the mad Sons of *Violence* and *Plunder*, led on by a *patch'd up Hero*, a *baſe Pretender*, makeing his laſt deſperate Puſh to obtain a Throne, from which, by the moſt juſt and ſolemn Laws, he ſtands for ever excluded, threaten to overwhelm us with Ruin and Deſolation, and make our Religion, our Laws, our Liberties, every thing dear and valuable

to us, as *Britons*, and Proteſtants, fall a Sacrifice to their unjuſt, cruel, blood-thirſty and implacable Reſentments. When ſuch Dangers threaten us, I ſay, when ſuch a dark and diſmal Cloud hangs over our Heads, how ſhould we ſtrengthen, encourage, and comfort the Hands and Hearts of each other! How ſhould we endeavour to raiſe in ourſelves, and to inſpire others with the ſame pious, truly great, and public Spirit, which animated the Pſalmeſt when he penned theſe Words: *Pray for the peace of* Jeruſalem; *they ſhall proſper that love thee. Peace be within thy Walls, and Proſperity within thy Palaces. For my Brethren and Companions Sakes, I will now ſay, Peace be within thee.*

I ſhall not at preſent enter into any nice or critical Enquiry relating to the Occaſion of theſe Words, or upon what Circumſtances in the Affairs of the *Jewiſh* State they might probably be uttered. They are plainly the Language of a Heart full of that Zeal and regard for the public Tranquility and Welfare, which at all Times are very ſuitable and becoming; but never can they be more ſeaſonably adapted, never can they be more properly made uſe of, than at the preſent Juncture, to expreſs the Sentiments and Deſires which ſhould, nay, which will ariſe in the Heart of every one who wiſhes well to the true Intereſt and Happineſs of his Country.------I ſhall conſider them then, ſo far as the Limits of a ſingle Diſcourſe will admit, as they intimate to us--from whom, and by what Methods we are to expect the Recovery or Preſervation of publick Peace and Proſperity: *Pray for the Peace of Jeruſalem*--as they repreſent the Greatneſs of the Bleſſings wiſh-

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ed for, and desired under these Expressions: *Peace be within thy Walls, and Prosperity within thy Palaces.* ------as they hold forth this additional Motive, of peculiar Force to every benevolent Mind: *For my Brethren and Companions Sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee*----And lastly----as they administer Matter of Hope and Encouragement to every one who sincerely aims at, and desires his Country's Welfare: *They shall prosper that love thee.*

First, Let us consider these Words, as they intimate to us *from whom*, and by what *Methods*, we are to expect the Recovery or Preservation of public Peace and Prosperity: And this is confessedly from God, the great King among the Nations; and from our humble and sincere Endeavours to obtain his Protection and Favour.---I am now speaking to a Christian Assembly, who are not ignorant that an infinitely supreme and wise Mind is conversant with the Affairs, and directs the Circumstances of the Sons of Men. We are persuaded, my Friends, that the same good and powerful Being who first created, still maintains, and governs the World. He superintends the Affairs of his whole Creation: Nothing is transacted but under his Eye, and within his Reach: He over-rules the Jars, Tumults, and Commotions of this our World, by a wise and unerring Management; and administers a just and righteous Scheme of Government over every Kingdom, and towards every Creature. As the Being and Prosperity of every individual and private Person, so also of public Communities and States, depend upon him: He bringeth low and lifteth up; and transfers Power, and Riches, and Strength, from one Kingdom to

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another People. Would we enjoy, therefore, the Bleſſings of public Peace and Proſperity, or would we be delivered from the Danger and Diſtreſs which at any Time threatens to invade and diſturb us; our great, our principal Dependance muſt be upon the heavenly King, from whom cometh our Help. Let us, indeed, make uſe of all the Underſtanding and Ability which God hath given us; and enter upon every juſt, prudent, and probable Meaſure for the Good of our Country: Let us project, conſult, deliberate and act, with all the Vigour and Reſolution worthy the important Cauſe; but at the ſame time let us *pray* too *for the Peace of Jeruſalem*; otherwiſe, we neglect what helps to conſtitute the beſt Security and Defence of any Kingdom or State; and in vain are all the Reſources of human Policy and Power in its Behalf. Our beſt laid Schemes, our moſt promiſing Precautions are all in vain, if we *forget the Maker thereof, and have no Reſpect to him that faſhioned it long ago* *. Let us then, eſpecially at this Time, with one Accord, offer up our united Requeſts, and with joint Supplications implore the Protection of the Moſt High. As the Danger which threatens us is common and univerſal, ſo alſo let our earneſt Endeavours to preſerve it be. Let us every one, for ourſelves, and for each other, with all Humility and Lowlineſs, acknowledge before the great God our Guilt, our wants, and our abſolute Dependance. With all becoming Earneſtneſs let us deprecate the Calamities which we have but too juſtly deſerved; and with a holy Zeal and Fervour of Heart, ſuit-

* *Iſai.* xxii. 11.

ſuitable to the Occaſion, plead our Cauſe before him, and fill our Mouths with Arguments. Let us ſay, *Preſerve thy People, O Lord, and ſpare thy Heretage! Spare the Vineyard which thine own Right-hand hath planted: Suffer not the Boar out of the Wood to waſte it, nor the wild Beaſt of the Field to devour it* §. Let not this fair Land of Liberty be over-run with deſperate Ruffians, popiſh Miſcreants, and inhuman Murderers; but ſpare us, O God! ſpare us for thy Mercy, and for thy Truth's Sake; for Thy Mercy's Sake, which will ſo illuſtriouſly appear in the Reſcue and Deliverance of this great People! For thy Truth's Sake, which will hereby be moſt ſignally preſerved and made to triumph over all the Attempts of Superſtition and Idolatry! In a Word, let us worſhip and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; and expreſſing our unfeigned Sorrow for our own Offences, and our deep Concern for the crying Abominations of our Country, let us ſincerely purpoſe and reſolve to walk before him in the Ways of Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs, more worthy of his future Regard and Favour. No Sight ſo agreeable to God, no Sacrifice ſo acceptable to him, as the profound Humiliation, the ſolemn Interceſſions of a whole People: Theſe, my Friends, if ſincerely perform'd, will engage the God of Armies on our Side: *If we do thus ſeek unto God betimes, and make our Supplications to the Almighty, ſurely he will now awake for us, and make the Habitation of our Righteouſneſs proſperous*; *and though our Beginning* hath been ſomewhat diſcouraging yet,

§ *Pſal.* lxxx. 15. *&c.*

yet, *our latter End* ſhall be comfortable and triumphant *.--And in this Service we may *all* engage; we may *all* add ſomething to the common Stock of national Humility and Devotion: The pooreſt, the moſt infirm may lend his Aſſiſtance here; even the tender and weakeſt Sex, *whoſe Hands are not formed for War, nor their Fingers to fight*, may yet by the Importunity of their Prayers, expreſs their Zeal for the public Good, and add Wiſdom to the Counſels, and Strength to the Arms of their Friends, Fathers, Husbands, Brothers, and Sons.----Let God be for us, and we will not fear what all the Rage and Malice of Men can do againſt us: And this Spirit of Piety, this Humility and Devotion which I am now recommending, if general and ſincere, will be our beſt Encouragement, our ſureſt Pledge that he will be ſo.

And ſurely we ſhould be no ways indifferent, or ſlack in this very neceſſary and becoming Service, did we but conſider in the next Place-------the Greatneſs and Excellency of the Bleſſings we are called to pray for under theſe Expreſſions, *Peace be within thy Walls, and Proſperity within thy Palaces.*

And theſe, indeed, comprehend every thing which can make a Nation great and happy. To theſe we owe the Security of our Perſons and Properties, and our Improvement in the ſeveral Arts and Advantages of the civil and ſocial Life: All the natural and temporal Felicities that Men can wiſh for or enjoy, are contained in theſe; yea, even the principal Advantages

* *Job* viii. 5, 6, 7.

tages which relate to our ſpiritual and eternal well-being. In their full and proper Meaning they denote our Kings to be the common Fathers of their Subjects; our Nobles, generous; our Judges, uncorrupt; our Merchants, proſperous; and our common People virtuous and brave. They denote an utter Abſence of all the baſe Arts of Tyranny, Injuſtice and Oppreſſion; of all the inhuman Methods which arbitrary Power, accompanied with inſatiable Avarice, or extravagant Ambition, often makes uſe of to plunder and harraſs a miſerable People. In thoſe happy Times which theſe Expreſſions are intended to denote, all Hatred, Rancour, Malice, with the dark and hideous Train of Fears, Jealouſies, and Suſpicions, are baniſh'd from amongſt us: No daring Injuries and Inſults attack us by Day, no frightful Alarms terrify us by Night; no mournful Cries of the injur'd Fatherleſs and oppreſſed Widow; no ſorrowful Complaints of Juſtice with-held, and Villany conniv'd at, wound our Ears, and grieve our Hearts: On the contrary, Juſtice is fairly adminiſtred, the Wicked puniſhed, the Injur'd vindicated, and the Weak protected: Every Man ſits under his own Roof, and enjoys the home-felt Comforts of his own Family, none making him affraid. Induſtry is encourag'd, Honeſty and Truth rewarded; and whilſt the Property of Labour is ſecure, whilſt we quietly enjoy what our Diligence gathers, or our Prudence improves, every Man is encouraag'd to attend to the Duties of his Station, becauſe he is ſure of taſting, without Diſturbance, the ſeveral Pleaſures and Comforts of it.--In a Word, this ſingle

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gle Expreſſion of Peace implies all that can delight or rejoice the Heart of Man; it ſprings from the beſt and moſt excellent Principles; it leades to the moſt happy and deſirable Ends; it creates Joy where it is not, it ſecures it where it is; adds freſh Luſture to every thing that is agreeable in human Life, gives a double Reliſh to all the Charms of Society, and calls forth all the kind and generous Affections, all the ſerviceable and endearing Actions, which render Man uſeful and agreeable to Man.

Theſe are but ſhort Hints of what may be intended and implied in the Expreſſions, *Peace be within thy Walls, and Proſperity within thy Palaces.* They may be ſufficient, however, to convince us of the Greatneſs and Excellency of the Bleſſings hereby denoted, and to alarm us againſt every baſe and daring Attempt that may be formed againſt them; eſpecially, if we attend to this additional Motive intimated in theſe Words; *For my Brethren and Companions ſakes, I will now ſay, Peace be within thee.*

And, indeed, ſuch is our preſent Situation, ſo awfully threatning is the Storm that ſeems to be gathering round us, which (if not graciouſly averted) overwhelms ourſelves, our Friends, our Country, in one common Ruin; that if we have any Principles of Humanity, any Sentiments of Generoſity, any Regard for public Happineſs left, we muſt neceſſarily be awakened into a compaſſionate Concern, not merely for any private or perſonal Suffering, but for the general Calamity and Deſolation which muſt likewiſe overtake every *honeſt* Man within *theſe three Kingdoms*, who retains any Regard to the Intereſts of Truth and Virtue. Every thing that is dear and

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valuable to us, with reſpect to both Worlds; our Religion, our Laws, our Liberties, in a Word our *All*, as *Engliſhmen* and *Chriſtians*, is threatned to be wreſted from us. And can I be indifferent, can I be unconcern'd at the rueful Proſpect that lies before me? No, if I forget thee, O *Britain*, may my Right-hand forget her Cunning; if I do not remember thee, let my Tongue cleave to the Roof of my Mouth; if I prefer not thy Intereſts above my chief Joy, if I am inſenſible at thy Sufferings, blot me out of the Number of thy Children; and abandon, ſcorn, and for ever caſt me from you, O my *Brethren*, *Countrymen*, and *Companions*! if for *your ſakes*, I do not ſay, *Peace be among you.*

Yes, my brave Countrymen, *for your ſakes, I will ſay, Peace be among us.* I know you to be firm, couragious, reſolute; I know you would not count your Lives dear, ſo that you might tranſmit what are ſtill dearer to you than Life itſelf, your *Religion* and *Liberties*, ſafely down to Poſterity. But muſt your Blood firſt be the Price of our Deliverance! Muſt your Lives be put upon an equal Hazard with thoſe of worthleſs Ruffians, and perjur'd Rebels! Muſt thy Fields, O *Britain* be drench'd, and thy Rivers ſtain'd with the Blood of thine own Sons! Muſt Neighbour riſe up againſt Neighbour, and Kinſman againſt Kinſman to War! Muſt any ſincere *Proteſtant*, any worthy *Patriot* fall by thy Attempts, thou diſpicable *Tool* of *France* and *Rome!* Nor thou, nor all thy miſcreant Hoſt, are worth the Life of any one of my honeſt, brave, loyal, virtuous Fellow Subjects; and *for their ſakes*, therefore, *I will now ſay, Peace be among us.*

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The ſame Wiſh will I again repeate, O my *Brethren*, my *Countrymen*, my *Companions!* Are you not now bleſs'd with the Adminiſtration of a wiſe, and juſt, and merciful Prince? Do you not enjoy the Security and Priviſeges of a Coſtitution the moſt happy, the moſt enviable upon Earth? A Conſtitution nicely balanc'd betwixt the equally dangerous Extremes of *abſolute Sovereignty* and *popular Licentiouſneſs*; a Conſtitution where, as no one is above the Reſtraint, ſo no one is below the Protection of the Laws; a Conſtitution where the poor Man enjoys his *Cottage*, by as firm a Tenure as the King enjoys his *Throne*; a Conſtitution, where 'tis the Glory of the Monarch to govern Freemen, not Slaves, and the Glory of the Subject to be bound only by the very Laws which he himſelf had a Share in appointing: In a Word, a Conſtitution, where the true Intereſts of Prince and People, of *Court* and *Country*, are immutably the ſame; and the moſt wretched and deplorable Calamity that can poſſibly befal us, is, when they come to be divided.------ And ſhall this great, this dreadful Calamity now take place? Shall any Intereſts be now ſet up oppoſite to thoſe of that brave and worthy Prince who has protected us in the free Enjoyment of all our lawful Rights and Privileges? Shall the noble Fabrick of *Engliſh Government*, that *fair Reſidence* of *Honour*, *Truth*, *Mercy*, *Liberty* and *Juſtice*, the Work of Ages, and the Envy and Admiration of Nations, plann'd by the wiſeſt Heads, and carried on by the warmeſt Hearts, and for the Defence of which ſo many of our brave Foreſathers have reſiſted, and ſought, and bled; ſhall this be overturn'd

turn'd, and out of the Ruins of it, a *wretched Habitation* rais'd for *Cruelty*, *Tyranny*, and *Oppreſſion*? Shall a haughty and ambitious Monarch, aiming at univerſal Empire, and laying his deſtructive Schemes to oppreſs the antient Liberties, and overturn the antient Conſtitutions of Kingdoms; ſhall *He* impoſe a Prince upon us, only to be the pernicious *Inſtrument* in executing the accurs'd Deſigns he has form'd for our Deſtruction? Shall *England*, that has ſo often been the *Terror* and the *Scourge* of *France*, at length become her *Servant* and *Vaſſal*? Shall our *rich Men* be all made *Beggars*, and our *Noblemen*, *Slaves*? Shall the free-born Subjects of a generous Prince, the beloved *Children* of a kind and obliging *Father*, become the baſe Servants of a cruel Maſter, and the ſubjected *Slaves* of a revengeful *Tyrant*? Forbid it God! O my *Brethren*, my *Companions*, my *Countrymen!* my Heart bleeds within me, at the leaſt Apprehenſion of ſuch a prodigious Calamity, and *for your ſakes*, I again ſay, *Peace be among you.*

The ſame Wiſh will I once more repeat, O my Fellow *Subjects*, my Fellow *Chriſtians*, my Fellow *Proteſtants*.---You now enjoy the bleſſed Liberty of worſhipping God, according to the beſt Dictates of your own Conſciences: The Scriptures, thoſe Oracles of Truth and Wiſdom, are not concealed from you; no Man is *Lord* over your Faith; but you are left in the Affair, which immediately concerns only yourſelves, even your own Salvation, to the Direction of your own Underſtanding, to the Freedom of your own Choice, and to the ſole Authority of your ſupreme Lord, whoſe Servants you are, and by whoſe Deciſion alone you muſt ſtand or

fall. In the Plainneſs and Simplicity of the Goſpel, though according to the Way which your Enemies call *Hereſy*, you now worſhip the God of your Fathers.-----And is this happy Priviledge, this invaluable Bleſſing attempted to be taken from you? Are not only your civil, but alſo your religious Rights and Liberties, threatned to be overturned and diſcharg'd? Muſt the honeſt, open, candid Deſigns of Proteſtantiſm fall a Sacrifice to all the Roguery, Craft, and Artifice of *Rome?* Muſt pure and undefiled Chriſtianity give way to Popery, the baſe and ſcandalous Corruption of it? Popery, a Religion (if we may be allowed to call it by that Name) ſo very perverted, that 'twould be even Blaſphemy to ſay it came from above, ſince 'tis earthly, ſenſual, deviliſh; fitted only to ſerve the Deſigns of Ambition, Avarice, Luſt, and Revenge; built upon Craft, propagated by Falſhood, and ſupported by Cruelty, Popery, that fatal Engine, in the Hands of a tyrannical Prince, and a cruel Prieſthood, to oppreſs both the Bodies and the Souls of Men: Popery, that baſe Invader of all the natural and divine Rights, both of Earth and Heaven: Popery, that complicated Scheme of Villainy and all Manner of Miſchief, the Maſter-piece of diabolical Wiſdom, and well worthy to be hatch'd by the deepeſt Politicians in the Conclave of Hell: And muſt this enter with all the mercileſs Cruelty of *religious* Rage, to take ſweet and *holy* Revenge upon an heretical, and long-reſiſting Nation? Muſt the bloody Flag of this Church militant, be again diſplay'd over your religious Aſſemblies? Muſt theſe Houſes of Prayer, in which you now ſo ſecurely call upon your heavenly

venly Father, be again disturb'd by base Informers, and rude Sons of Violence? Must the plainness and simplicity of your Worship, a Worship only intended to recommend your *Hearts* to God, and to render you *benevolent* and *useful* to Mankind, be baniſh'd to make Room for all the Pomp and Pageantry of a popiſh Ceremony and Superſtition? Muſt you be again call'd upon to embrace the Errors and receive the Impoſitions of that cruel and tyrannical Church? And if you have the Courage, and Honeſty enough left to withſtand, muſt the Fires of *Smithfield* be kindled afreſh? Muſt the Axe and the Faggot be call'd in to convince you how *irreſiſtable* their Truth? Muſt all the bloody Perſecutions of an *unrelenting Mary*, and all the violent and alarming Meaſures of a *bigotted James* be acted over again? Theſe, O my Fellow *Subjects*, my Fellow *Chriſtians*, my Fellow *Proteſtants*, are the Events which unavoidably follow from ſuppos'd Succeſs of that inſolent Invaſion with which you are now alarm'd; and therefore no one that wiſhes well to the Cauſe of Truth and Virtue, but muſt ſay *Peace be among you.*

But theſe are melancholy and ſtartling Reflections: I proceed therefore----to the laſt Circumſtance I propos'd to conſider, *viz.* The Hope and Encouragement here afforded to every one who aims ſincerely at, and deſires his Country's Welfare; *they ſhall proſper that love thee.*

Theſe Words might likewiſe be very properly tranſlated, *let them proſper that love thee:* It may appear more humble and decent then, to apply them in this latter Senſe, and to take Occaſion from hence

hence to expreſs our hearty Wiſhes and Deſires for the Proſperity of thoſe, who now diſcover themſelves to be the real Friends and Lovers of their Country; Wiſhes and Deſires perhaps no leſs favourable and promiſing Omens of Succeſs, though leſs confident indeed than the moſt poſitive and peremptory Aſſurances.

Accept our Wiſhes then, thou brave and worthy Prince, whoſe juſt and gentle Government of this Nation eminently diſtinguiſh Thee among the *firſt* who *love her*; accept of our moſt cordial Wiſhes for thy Proſperity and Welfare: May thy Crown ſit eaſy upon thy Head, and thy Throne ſtand faſt againſt the rudeſt Attempts that may be formed againſt it; may'ſt thou long enjoy the peculiar Honour and Happineſs of reigning over the Hearts of a mutually loving and beloved People; may'ſt thou long continue the darling Inſtrument of Providence, to crub Ambition, to protect the Feeble, to vindicate the Oppreſs'd, and make even diſtant Nations happy; and when thou art at laſt called from an earthly to take Poſſeſſion of an heavenly Crown and Kingdom, may a long Succeſſion of brave and virtuous Princes, in thy Houſe, be continued to ſupport the Liberties, to protect the Rights, and to make glad the Hearts of our lateſt Poſterity.

----Accept our hearty Wiſhes for your Proſperity, ye whoſe Virtues reflect a Luſture upon your Nobility, and who ſo worthily ſignalize your Zeal, and exert your Influence for your Country's Safe-guard: May the Succeſs of your Endeavours be equal to the Uprightneſs of your Intentions, and the Generoſity of your Views; may thoſe Honours you ſo juſtly

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deſerve, be handed down without Blot or Stain to your very laſt Deſcendants: As you ſhine ſecond in Rank, ſo may you ever continue worthy to be held ſecond in Affection to the Sovereign himſelf; and as you are the principal *Ornament*, ſo may you long continue a principal *Support* of the *Britiſh Throne*. --------Accept of our beſt Wiſhes for your Proſperity too, ye *brave* and *generous* Men, whoſe vigorous and timely Reſolutions have effectually ſupported the ſinking Credit of your Country: In Return of this ſignal Service, may it ever be ſaid of this Land, *Her Merchants are Princes, and her Traffickers the Honourable of the Earth** ; may your Wealth and Riches increaſe, of which you know how to make ſo good, ſo generous an Uſe; may your Commerce be as extenſive as the Earth and the Sea; may no deſolating Storms and Tempeſts ſhipwreck your Veſſels, or ruin your Fortunes; but may the Winds and Waves adminiſter to your Security and Succeſs, and, as connected with theſe, to the common Proſperity and Advantage of theſe Kingdoms.--------Accept of our ſincere Wiſhes too, ye Miniſters of Religion, ſuch of you, who, inſpired with a Love of Truth and Liberty yourſelves, endeavour to confirm the ſame Principles, and awaken the ſame Sentiments, in the Hearts of others: May the Work of the Lord proſper in your Hands; may your honeſt Endeavours to raiſe in the Minds of your People a becoming Senſe of the Bleſſings they enjoy, and a juſt Indignation at the impious Attempts that are formed againſt them, meet

* *Iſai.* xxiii. 8.

meet with their deſerved Succeſs; may you, the Miniſters of Peace, have the ſacred Pleaſure to ſee Peace, and with that, true Piety and Religion flouriſh.---------Accept, likewiſe, of our moſt hearty Wiſhes for your Honour and Safety, ye *brave Countrymen*, whoſe Lives muſt be endangered in reſiſting the Arms of *Perjury* and *Rebellion*: May the great God of Armies cover your Heads in the Day of Battle; may your Enemies fall, bow down, be ſcattered before you; may the Sword of the Lord, and of Liberty, cut through all the Hoſt of Slavery and Superſtition; and may your Succeſs be as great and compleat, as the Cauſe you contend for, is juſt and righteous.-------To conclude; accept of our beſt Wiſhes for your Proſperity, every *honeſt Briton* and *Proteſtant*, who, in this critical Juncture, feel your Hearts glow with a generous Zeal for your Country's Welfare.------May you have the Comfort to ſee all the Diſturbers of your Peace diſmayed and confounded; may the ſeditious Inſtrument of this horrid Rebellion, if he is not reſerved to a more *ignominious* Fate, be ſent away *with a Hook in his Noſe, and a Bridle in his Lips, and turned back by the Way by which he came**: May you have this further Satisfaction, not only to ſee the audacious Attempts of any foreign Invader, but alſo the malignant Hopes of every home-bred Enemy, utterly diſappointed; that even thoſe who may be inclined to wiſh ill to your Cauſe, and to prophecy againſt it, may be oblidged, in ſpite of Envy, to pronounce a Bleſſing, and forced like *Balaam* to

* *Iſai.* xxxvii. 29.

take up their Parable and ſay; "Behold, God "hath bleſſed, and I cannot reverſe it; he hath "not beheld Iniquity in *Jacob*, neither hath he "ſeen Perverſneſs in *Iſrael*: The Lord his God "is with him, and the Shout of a King is among "them. God brought them out of *Egypt*; he "hath as it were the Strength of an Unicorn; "ſurely there is no Inchantment againſt *Jacob*, "neither is there any Divination againſt *Iſrael*, ac-"cording to this Time, it ſhall be ſaid of *Jacob* "and of *Iſrael*, what hath God wrought §"! In a Word, may you, whilſt you live, quietly enjoy the Priviledges you now poſſeſs; and dying, may you leave them an unlicanable Patrimony to all ſucceeding Generations.

Such, each worthy Patriot, are the Wiſhes we form in your Behalf; ſuch, each ſincere Lover of your Country, are the Prayers we put up for your Proſperity, Prayers which we truſt will be graciouſly heard; Wiſhes which we hope will be ſpeedily accompliſhed; and that the approaching Deliverance of the Nation will make it indeed appear, that they ſhall proſper who love her.------Yes, we truſt that the ſame God, who in ſo eminent and ſignal a Manner delivered this Nation from the arbitrary Views and lawleſs Oppreſſion of that *very Perſon*, from whom this inſolent Invader boaſts his being deſcended, will ſtill defend you from any freſh Attempts, founded upon the ſame unrighteous Principles, and leading to the ſame deſtructive Ends. We truſt that the ſame good and gracious Being,

§ *Numb.* xxiii. 20--24.

Being, who ſo wonderfully reſtored your Conſti
tution, when well-nigh loſt, and repaired th
Breaches Popery had made, by fencing you
with a Proteſtant Succeſſion, will ſtill continue
you the Security of this invaluable Bleſſing, a
never again ſubject you to that Yoke, which ne
ther *ye* nor *your Fathers* were able to bear.----
But ſhould it be otherwiſe, (which God forbid) y
in this Reſpect we will confidently declare, you ſh
proſper: You ſhall have this Comfort and Satisfa
tion, that you have not baſely betrayed the Intere
of your Country; that you have not ſtood by
different and unconcerned at her Calamity; that
all the Methods of Prudence and Piety, by all hu
ble Supplications with God, and all ſuitable End
vours with Man, you have ſought her Deliveranc
and may reaſonably hope, that when you are ſe
rated from this earthly, you ſhall be tranſlated t
heavenly Country, even the new *Jeruſalem*, the C
of the living God, where nothing that annoyeth
createth Diſturbance ſhall ever enter, where nei
yourſelves, nor Brethren, nor Companions, ſ
meet with any Interruption of your Happineſs,
of which it may truly and perpetually be
Peace is within her Walls, and Proſperity within
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